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1. As of 18 July 1950 military movements in Kwangtung included the following:

- a. During the morning, 2,500 men of the 167 Division, 51 Army,* moved from Wuchou (111-19, 23-38) to Canton, and left for Hankow the same day.
- b. Four thousand men of the 34 Division,** 45 Army, left Foshan (113-08, 23-02) en route to Hankow via Canton.
- c. The Central-South China Military and Political Council (CSCMPC) sent HO Chien-wu (何堅武), an engineer, Chi-t'o-erh-fu (基托爾夫) (? Chitorov), a Soviet adviser, twenty other people, and four truckloads of materials to repair and construct pillboxes and forts in the Pearl River area. The group will also instruct and aid the independent engineer battalion of the 4 Field Army in the construction of barbed wire obstacles and pillboxes at Paoan, Huiyang and Chungshan.

2. As of 19 July activities were as follows:

- a. Four thousand men of the 139 Division, 46 Army,*** moved to Canton from the Leichou Peninsula.
- b. Five thousand men of the 140 Division, 46 Army,*** left Canton en route to Hengyang. Ten armed vehicles of this division were transferred to an independent tank battalion stationed at Tienho Airfield, Canton, before departure. Four thousand men of the 115 Division, 39 Army, moved from the Leichou Peninsula to Canton, and left on 20 July for Hengyang.
- c. LAI Chuan-chu (賴傳珠), director of the Swatow area command post,**** and Soviet adviser Pa-ta-ho-ssu (巴大賀斯) (? Badakhov) arrived in Canton from Swatow en route to Hankow in answer to summons from LIN Piao.

3. During the evening of 21 July, the Communist Air Force Headquarters sent the 4 Air Force Battalion -- "Liberation of the Yangtze" --, Soviet adviser

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Shih-t'o-hsi-chia-fu (土托布加夫) (? Sherdzhichev) and 40 mechanics, radio men and pilots to replace the 12 Group stationed at Tienho and White Cloud Airfields. On 22 July the new group made test flights at two fields.

4. As of 22 July activities were as follows:

- a. Three thousand men of the 139 Division, 46 Army,*** arrived in Canton from the Leichou Peninsula.
- b. The Canton Military Control Commission was ordered by the CSMPC to turn over equipment stored in the Shihching (113-15, 23-13) arsenal to TSENG Sheng, commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, including: 35,000 Japanese rifles, 28 x 69 mm guns, 10 x 6.5 (ball finch) guns, 2 x 13 cm guns and 250 light and heavy machine guns. TSENG is also chief commissioner of the Kwangtung Province Public Security Troop Organizing Commission. On 20 July he left for Huiyang.
- c. Three thousand men of the 365 Regiment and another regiment of the 142 Division, 47 Army,**** including two field artillery battalions equipped with 18 x 4.5 "infantry guns," 8 x 6.5 howitzers and 6 x 60 mm guns, arrived in Canton from Wuchou. During the morning of 23 July they left Canton for Boca Tigris to take positions on Pao T'ai Lu (寶太路).

5. On 23 July TENG Hua returned to Canton from Hankow and reportedly stated that a decision had been made to leave three armies in Kwangtung to defend the coast.

6. On 24 July, 2,000 men of the 139 Division, 46 Army,*** and 4,000 men of the 356 and 357 Independent Replacement Regiments left Canton by rail for Changsha (112-59, 28-12). LIU Chuan-chu and Badakov left Canton for Hankow.

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Comment. According to information available to this office, the 107 Division is part of the 56 Army.

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Comment. Probably this refers to the 134 Division, 45 Army.

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Comment. According to information available to this office, the 139 and 140 Divisions are part of the 47 Army.

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Comment. According to information available to this office, the 142 Division is part of the 48 Army.

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